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## COMMENTS

Re: U. S. Non -Provisional Patent Application of Eric NEYRET et al.  
Application Serial No. 10/671,813; Filed: September 25, 2003  
For: METHOD FOR MINIMIZING SLIP LINE FAULTS ON  
A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER SURFACE

See attached RCE Request . **Kindly confirm receipt of this document by return facsimile.**

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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 38 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1996 See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	10/671,813
	Filing Date	September 25, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Eric NEYRET
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 13, 2006.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1814
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee if required and not otherwise submitted (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Any other fees required to process this submission
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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